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FUSION IN ARIZONA

After a season of profound meditation, our esteemed contemporary, the Phoenix Republican which has kept flying in the journalistic breeze the Progressive banner in Arizona, has announced its position in regard to Fusion. The announcement is lugubrious in the extreme. After describing in unnecessarily doleful terms the party which it assumes to champion, it states with positive conviction that Fusion is bound to be a failure and mark you! Gives the reasons why.

It seems that the world in general and Arizona in particular has never had a proper conception of the well-nigh heavenly aims of the Bull Mooseers. It seems that they are a "body of men and women who could organize themselves into a political party without hope of securing office, or without the prospect to the rank and file of being participants in an empty triumph at the polls."

We protest that the Progressive party was never so unambitious and supine. We insist that it never consigned itself to the slough of complete negation. It has proven itself other than a mere rainbow chaser. It has found a time for fighting as well as a time for praying. It has delivered some mighty able wallops with the result that this country has sat up straighter and paid better attention to better business. But the rod is frayed now and the erring Nation has been benefited by the chastening. The essential thing for the future is to perpetuate the good work that was begun.

Under our present system of government, administrative work is carried out by office holders. Men and women who are not elected to office do not get the chance to work at first hand. A political party that expects to maintain itself and exert potent influence "without hope of securing office" confesses to crass inconsistency and lack of virility. Such a party would make little appeal to the rank and file in this country. It would align itself with those so-called parties which assume a mission of barking and snapping at problems because they knew they will never be called upon for the brave service of tackling them. Its counterfeit qualities would be discovered as sure those of Senator Jones' fighting bulldog. Senator Jones averred that his dog could whip anything in the country. This boast passed unchallenged until one day when Tom Ochiltree who was visiting the Senator in his Western home, set forth for a walk with his best accompanied by the bulldog. They approached a farmer's wagon under which crouched a nondescript cur. Senator Jones chuckled as his pet made a dash for the cur. There was a brief but furious conflict out of which the bull dog slunk, whining and thoroughly whipped.

"Senator," laughed Ochiltree, "that dog of yours don't impress me as being much of a fighter."

"Tom," replied Senator Jones sadly, "you're mistaken. That dog of mine is a fighter. Further, he's a hell of a good fighter, but he's a damn poor judge of dogs."

The Phoenix Republican took occasion to reveal its position on Fusion because, "we understand that the Republican leaders of this State have arranged a conference, to be held at Prescott next week, to which prominent members of the Progressive party have been invited. The object of the meeting is to bring about an amalgamation of the two parties in the campaign next fall. This project must end in failure because the parties are not assimilable. There is only one common point of agreement, and that is a desire for a change in the State government. But the motives for desiring the change are widely apart. The Progressives want a change because they want a better government. The Republicans want the office. Fusion, therefore, is doomed to failure."

It is jealousy gone mad to assert that the late Progressives had a corner on all the human virtues. In the name of generosity, neighbor, concede to Republicans and Democrats some worthy qualities, at least a modicum of nobility, just a trifle of sincerity. Splendid strength exists among Arizona men who formerly were Bull Mooseers. But it is the same quality of strength which Democrats and Republicans developed when they were pitted to the necessity of it by the strenuous lessons promulgated by Progressives. Republicans and Progressives have so much in common that it is logical to expect fusion of the two. It is this view doubtless, that prompts the Prescott meeting. Democracy would welcome Pro-

gressives also. Stand-pat Progressivism is an impotent today as is Anarchism or Coxeyism. The only hope of perpetuating these tenets of Progressivism which are worthy of perpetuation is through fusion. Fuse with the Democrats or fuse with the Republicans; but FUSE.

VILLA IN THE SADDLE

The destiny of Mexico is now in the hands of "Pancho" Villa more than any other man. The next few weeks will show whether this meteoric general is still a bandit, or whether responsibility has turned him into a patriot, with the will and power to restore peace and establish justice in his distracted country.

When Villa broke with Carranza and seized the supreme command of the Constitutional armies and territories leaving his former chief a mere shell of authority, it seemed at first that his action might wreck the revolutionist cause and plunge Mexico into worse chaos. The outcome, however, has been surprising. Carranza submitted so easily that one wonders how he ever gained the supremacy. He is apparently willing to pose henceforth as a figurehead, content with a show of civil power, while Villa dominates the situation.

General "Pancho" has suddenly injected new vigor and purpose into the rebel army. He is pressing forward in what may be the final victorious campaign against Huerta. He has taken Zacatecas, where the Federalists inflicted a disastrous defeat on Gen. Natera while Villa was sulking in Torreon, and now he expects to move on to Mexico City with 40,000 troops, while Gen. Obregon closes in from the west and Gen. Gonzalez joins him from the east. His own soldiers are reported to be loyal and enthusiastic; if the armies of the other rebel generals obey him, there need be no doubt of the outcome. Mexico City will fall, Huerta will flee or suffer execution and Villa will name himself or some friend as provisional president.

In the face of Villa's bold manoeuvre the recent proceedings at Niagara Falls look rather farcical. It was folly for the mediators not to welcome representation from the Constitutionalists at the start. If mediation is wrecked if the mediators yield to the wishes of the United States. The blustering and stubborn Carranza is practically out of the way, and the man to deal with in the present juncture is Villa, who fortunately is much more tractable, and has proved himself friendly and fair in his relations with this nation.

If the mediators do not proceed to come to terms with Villa, the United States government itself will probably open negotiations with him, as the real power in Mexico, and arrange a program to be carried out when Mexico City falls.

PIPES FOR WOMEN

A St. Louis grand jury inquiring into the sales of cigarettes to minors has had its attention called to the growing practice of smoking among women. Within the last six months, it reports, there has been an increase of 100 per cent in the sales of cigarettes to women and girls. Many of the buyers are under eighteen years of age.

This state of affairs is by no means peculiar to St. Louis. The testimony is observable in all the large cities, and smaller communities are not exempt.

Tobacco in any form is probably bad for anybody, although a normal man has so much resisting power that smoking in moderation seldom does much obvious harm. Women, however, are so much more susceptible to the effect of nicotine that their smoking is a real menace to society. The harm is especially great in the case of young girls, and cigarettes, for some reason or other, are demonstrably the most harmful form in which tobacco is used.

If the growing demand for "sex equality" is to result in women generally asserting the right to smoke, we suggest that their smoking be confined to cigars and pipes.

"The very idea!" we hear in feminine chorus. That's the point precisely—women's natural delicacy hails at a cigar or a pipe, while accepting the insidious cigarette. If cigarettes are barred, women won't smoke at all.

THE MOSQUITO ONCE MORE

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania has introduced an anti-mosquito bill in congress. He asks for an appropriation of \$100,000 to be expended by the Public Health Service to determine the extent to which mosquitoes transmit disease and are a menace to the human race. When this is done, he wants the federal government to co-operate with the state and municipal authorities in exterminating the disease-carrying mosquitoes.

It seems rather unnecessary to spend any more money in such investigations after that Col. Gorgas and his medical staff discovered in Cuba and Panama about Anopheles, Culex and other varieties of mosquitoes, and what they did in the canal zone particularly to make fever-ridden swamps habitable and healthful. We don't need to make any more inquiries into the habits of the mosquitoes. Mr. Moore can get all the information he wants by sending across Capitol Park to the Congressional Library. Anybody else can doubtless get the same information in his own city.

As for exterminating the mosquitoes, the thing is simplicity itself. The only mystery involved is the peculiar kink in human nature that keeps people everywhere from applying so simple a remedy. It's an old story, but worth repeating until something is done about the matter.

If you don't want to be chewed up by mosquitoes, with the possibility of malaria, or yellow fever or blood-poisoning, drain the swamps or stagnant pools where the insects breed. If you can't drain off the water, just pour a little kerosene over it every week or two. That's all there is to it.

LONG AND SHORT HAUL RATES WILL EFFECT ARIZONA TRAFFIC

Shippers Will no Longer Have to Pay on Consignment Redirected From Coast Terminals.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The interstate commerce commission's so-called intermountain rate orders which were sustained as valid by the supreme court decision Monday are still a subject of much interest. The court held, at the same time, that the long and short haul clause of interstate commerce law is constitutional. Both had been attacked by the transcontinental railroads. The defunct commerce court, passing over the constitutional question, had annulled the orders on the ground that the commission had no authority to issue "blanket" or "zone" orders and might act on only the reasonableness of specific rates.

In overturning that contention and holding that the commission had such power, the supreme court decided a point which lawyers and close observers of the interstate commerce commission's proceedings say is of equal importance to the intermountain rate case itself if not greater. Opposition to the five per cent increase in freight rates being asked by eastern railroads, upon which the interstate commerce commission is expected to announce its decision at any day, has been based principally upon the contention that the commission would not have authority under law to grant such "blanket" increases. Copies of the court's decision today were sent immediately to the commission for its guidance. What the effect, if any, of the decision upon the rate case may be, can only be a subject of conjecture. There are those among the rail informed in the commission's procedure, however, who say that the decision in the disposition of the railroads' application has been delayed awaiting the supreme court's decision upon that important point.

As to the intermountain rate orders themselves, however, their effect is that such western cities west of the Rocky mountains as Reno, Spokane and Phoenix will not be forced to pay upon their freight from the east, the regular rate through to the Pacific coast and then also another rate from the Pacific coast back to their station because the railroads are competing with water-borne traffic around Cape Horn or through the Panama Canal.

They will, however, pay certain increases over the normal rates from certain zones. Thus, the railroads may charge no more than the regular rate on shipments originating in the territory west of a vertical line drawn through St. Paul. They may, however, charge an increase of seven per cent on those originating between St. Paul and Chicago, not more than fifteen per cent on those between Chicago and Pittsburgh and not more than twenty-five per cent on those between Pittsburgh and the Atlantic seaboard. These increases the commission prescribed as reasonable because of the condition of the water competition.

As a result of the decision all question is removed as to the right of the commission not only to pass on the reasonableness of a lower rate for a haul to a more distant city than to a nearer one in the same direction, but also to fix how much the difference may be, are removed. It recognizes the power of the commission to fix such rates by zones, as distinguished from taking up the conditions surrounding each point of shipment in the United States.

Chief Justice White announced the unanimous decision of the court. He said the case turned largely upon the construction and validity of the long and short haul clause in the fourth section of the interstate commerce act, as amended in 1910.

WANTS TO SUCCEED ROOT IN U. S. SENATE



William M. Calder.

Representative William M. Calder of Brooklyn has just announced his candidacy to the United States senate from New York. He has issued a statement, saying in part: "I would not become a candidate had I not been personally informed by the present senator, Elihu Root, that he would not accept a nomination under any circumstances."

JEWEL THIEF'S WIFE IS NEAR BREAKDOWN



Mrs. Ruth Watson Fischer.

Mrs. Ruth Watson Fischer, wife of Joseph Fischer, the San Francisco man who recently stole \$30,000 in diamonds from his employers, is near a nervous breakdown as a result of her husband's arrest and imprisonment. She married him eight years ago and the couple kept the marriage a secret from everyone for six years.

"WHEN HIS SHIP COMES IN"



A BATCH OF MILES

Bald-headed Gentleman (in barber's shop):

"You ought to cut my hair cheaper; there is nothing much to cut."

Barber: "Oh, no; in your case we don't charge for cutting the hair, we charge for having to search for it."

Mrs. Brown: "You're 'ome agin, then, Mr. Jones. Did you meet my old man up the street?"

Mr. Jones: "Just left 'im up at King's 'Ead. He's gettin' stout, I notice."

Mrs. Brown: "Stout! The block's eat! An' I sent 'im for 'at and 'at."

Little James had been telling a visitor that his father had got a new set of false teeth.

"Indeed," said the visitor, "and what will he do with the old set?"

"Oh, I s'pose," replied little James, "they'll cut 'em down and make me wear 'em."

KISSING THE ROD

O, heart of mine, we shouldn't worry so!

What we've missed of calm we couldn't have, you know!

What we've met of stormy pain, and of sorrow's driving rain,

We can better meet again, if it blow!

For we know not every morrow can be sad;

So, forgetting all the sorrow we have had,

Let us fold away our fears and put by our foolish tears

And through all the coming years, just be glad.

It isn't always the clock with the loudest tick that keeps the best time.

Happiness depends half on what we do and half on what we don't.

The more rings a woman has on her fingers the oftener her back hair needs adjusting.

Many a dame who is a kitten with men is a cat with women.

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